

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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March – April 2009

Potawatomi Inn Activities!

Too cold to go outside?... Check out our Inn craft room! There are many items from which to choose, from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the main desk. Join us!



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

All Programs are on Eastern Time! Daylights savings time begins March 8!

Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at

www.interpretiveservices.in

Saturday March 7

2:00pm **Skunk Cabbage Search.** Join us at the Inn Main Entrance from where we'll take off on a 1½ hour trek into the nature preserve to look for the first flowering plant of the new year! AH



Sunday March 8 (Daylights Savings Time Begins today!!!)

8:30am **Return of the Redwings!** Bring your warm clothes and meet us in the Inn Lounge by the fish tank and coffee pots. From there, we'll bundle up and head out for an hour or so fresh air walk. Will our "real" harbingers of spring be in the marsh today? Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, for close up looks at birds and anything else moving about. FW

11:00am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of observing our Nature Center chores! AH

Saturday March 14

11:00am **Goose Music and other Sounds of Spring.** Meet at the Nature Center Auditorium for a short show 'n' tell session on some of the sounds of spring and the critters behind them. FW

Sunday March 15

- 8:30am **Ides of March Meander.** Nothing beats an early morning fresh air walk and few things are noisier than redwing blackbirds and geese setting up housekeeping in mid-March marshes. Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for a 1-½ hour discovery hike. Bring binoculars, if you have some, or borrow a pair of ours. FW
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Saturday March 21

- 10:30am **First Spring Weekend Walk!** It's a woodland stroll on the first Saturday of Spring. What will we encounter? Find out during this 1 hour walk. Meet the Interpreter at the Nature Center front deck. AH
- 2:00pm **Bring on the Bluebirds!** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short talk on the beautiful eastern Bluebird. We'll look at the variety of boxes available for this beautiful bird as now is the time to get them out! After the program we'll take a short walk to the nearby field to see if we can find one. DL



Sunday March 22

- 8:30am **Spring Out for Birds.** Get up and get some fresh air in this short jaunt up the road and back as we watch for deer and other critters moving about in the new day. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours. Meet at the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck. DL
- 11:00am **Critter Feeding Time.** See Sunday, March 8 for program details. AH

Saturday March 28

- 2:00pm **Recycle for the Birds.** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short discussion and show and tell session on how to make some simple bird houses out of items around the house for which we no longer need. Now is the time to provide housing for cavity nesters. Stop by and see how! DL

Sunday March 29

- 8:30am **Out Like a Lion or Lamb Walk.** Following the old adage, will March go out like a lion or lamb? Find out during our traditional Sunday morning walk through the nearby woodlands and wetlands. Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours. DL

Saturday April 4

- 2:00pm **Vernal Pond Patrol.** A nice walk down into the Nature Preserve and over much of Trail 6. We'll search the temporary spring ponds along the way for songs of frogs, salamanders, and other forms of life. We'll be out for about 1-½ hours. Meet at the Inn Main Entrance. Trails may be spongy. Come with proper footwear! FW

Sunday April 5

- 8:30am **Sunday Morning Stroll.** Get a jump on the day with a fresh air walk up the road and down through a marsh and back. Bring binoculars if you have some (or borrow a pair of ours) and join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for an hour or more hike into several habitats in search of birds and other wildlife. FW

Saturday April 11

- 10:00am **Trail Six Springtime Saunter.** Put on your walking shoes as we traverse part of Trail 3 and all of Trail 6 as we search for very early wildflowers and amphibians coming to spring ephemeral ponds for courting and mating. FW
- 3:00pm **Turtle Time!** Join us for a close up look of our common and not so common Pokagon turtles. We'll have a chance to handle some and watch 'em crawl. Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium! DL

Sunday April 12

- 8:30am **Easter Sunday Morning Stroll.** Before things get busy this holiday, get up early and join the park interpreter out on the Inn Sun Deck for our traditional early Sunday morning stroll for fresh air and wildlife sightings. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. FW

Saturday April 18

- 10:30am **Woodpecker Wonders.** It's a fascinating group of birds! Join us at the Nature Center Auditorium for this short program on woodpeckers. We may even take a short walk, or spend some time at the woodland window, for some close up views afterwards. AH
- 2:00pm **Frog Fun and Toad Tales.** Hop on over to the Nature Center Program Area, where we'll first talk about these two neat types of amphibians that are currently singing up a storm in park wetlands as they court and mate. Great program for the family! AH

Sunday April 19

- 8:30am **Early Migrators.** See March 22, at 8:30am for details. FW
- 11:00am **Critter Feeding Time.** See Sunday, March 8 for program details. AH

Saturday April 25 Wildflower Saturday!

- 10:30am **Spring Ephemerals.** It's that time of year when we briefly enjoy the wildflowers that are seemingly with us for such a short period of time. We'll search and enjoy on this short 45-minute walk leaving from the Nature Center. DL
- 3:00pm **Wetland Wildflowers.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a short 1-hour discovery hike into the wetlands down in the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. AH

Sunday April 26

- 8:30am **The Spring Migration.** Grab your binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet out on the Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning hike. We'll check out the nearby wetlands and woodlands for any birds that are moving back in for the summer or just passing through. We'll be out for an hour or a little more. DL
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**Nature Center School Season Hours:
10am to 5pm, weekends; 1pm to 5pm, weekdays.**

